

## Message Text

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PARIS PASS TO BORDEAUX AND MARSEILLE

E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SP  
SUBJECT: ETA FIGURE GIVEN CONDITIONAL LIBERTY

REF: MADRID 6340

1. THE MADRID PRESS HAS HEADINED THE RELEASE OF  
ETA TERRORIST FIGURE MIGUEL ANGEL APALATEGUI (AKA  
"APALA") WHO, LOOKING THIN BUT OTHER WISE REASONABLY  
HEALTHY, WAS GRANTED CONDITIONAL LIBERTY BY A FRENCH  
COURT SEPTEMBER 6. A DECISION ON THE SPANISH  
EXTRADITION REQUEST (REFTEL) HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED  
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UNTIL OCTOBER 4. IN ARGUING FOR HIS RELEASE, APALA'S  
LAWYERS PRODUCED A LETTER FROM THE FRENCH OFFICE FOR

REFUGEES AND STATELESS PERSONS WHICH, AS REPORTED IN  
MADRID, ASSURED THE COURT THAT APALA WOULD VERY PROBABLY  
RECEIVE REFUGGEE STATUS. ANOTHER LETTER, FROM THE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MARSEILLE, OFFERED HIM LODGING. IN

FREEING APALA, THE COURT DIRECTED HIM TO RESIDE IN A MARSEILLE MONASTERY, NOT TO LEAVE THE AREA, AND TO REPORT TWICE WEEKLY TO THE POLICE.

2. THE PRESUMPTION HERE (NOT CONFIRMED BY ANY GOS CONTACT) IS THAT THE SPANISH AND FRENCH HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE CASE. IF APALA GETS HIS REFUGEE CARD BEFORE THE OCTOBER 14 COURT HEARING REFUSAL OF THE SPANISH EXTRADITION REQUEST WOULD, WE ASSUME BECOME ALMOST AUTOMATIC. THIS WOULD LEAVE APALA IN LIBERTY DISPERSING THE DANGEROUS STREET DEMONSTRATIONS RECENTLY MOUNTED ON HIS BEHALF IN THE BASQUE AREA, YET STILL "WANTED " IN SPAIN, WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD DISCOURAGE HIS TOO RAPID RETURN. SUCH A RESULT MIGHT WELL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOS, WHICH HAS MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS ON ITS PLATE.EATON

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